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1 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
2 SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK
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4 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

5 v.

16 CR 374 (VEC)

6 JASON MARLEY,

7 Defendant.
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8 New York, N.Y.
9 July 30, 2018
10 2:00 p.m.

11 Before:

12 HON. VALERIE E. CAPRONI,

13 District Judge

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17 Southern District of New York
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1 (Case called)

2 MR. LONGYEAR: Good afternoon, your Honor.

3 Michael Longyear, on behalf of the United States.

4 MR. KONOSKI: Good afternoon, judge.

5 appearing on behalf of Mr. Marley, Brian Konoski.

6 THE COURT: Good afternoon.

7 Good afternoon, Mr. Konoski.

8 All right. Mr. Marley, you wrote me last week and you
9 asked for a new attorney and for Mr. Konoski to be relieved. I
10 think we have had this conversation before. You can proceed
11 with Mr. Konoski as your lawyer or you can proceed pro se
12 but I am not giving you another lawyer. Mr. Konoski is your
13 second lawyer. That's all you get. So what do you want to do?

14 THE DEFENDANT: Your Honor, you left me no choice
15 because you know I can't proceed by myself. My first attorney,
16 your Honor, I made some misrepresentation to the Court on my
17 behalf, so you left me no choice. He has left my family in a
18 financial crisis. He took \$63,000 from my family, your Honor.
19 We couldn't afford a next attorney. So you appointed an
20 attorney that I feel it's like he doesn't have my best interest
21 but I have no choice. I can't get a next attorney. So I had
22 no choice. I cannot go pro se by myself, so.

23 THE COURT: OK. Well, then Mr. Konoski is going to
24 represent you.

25 THE DEFENDANT: OK.

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1 THE COURT: OK. Mr. Konoski, have you read the
2 presentence report in this case?

3 MR. KONOSKI: Yes.

4 THE COURT: Have you discussed it with Mr. Marley?

5 MR. KONOSKI: Yes.

6 THE COURT: Mr. Marley, did you read the presentence
7 report in this case?

8 THE DEFENDANT: What? The presentencing report?

9 MR. KONOSKI: Right. The PSR.

10 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, I have read it.

11 THE COURT: Did you discuss it with your attorney?

12 THE DEFENDANT: I never discussed it with him before
13 he sent in the objection. I discussed it with him on Saturday.

14 THE COURT: OK.

15 MR. KONOSKI: Judge, there was a delay previously. I
16 did go through it myself, determined what objections needed to
17 be made. But this weekend, I had gone down to make sure that
18 Mr. Marley had no additional objections that I may not have
19 raised previously to make sure everything was on the table.
20 When I was there I had previously dropped off the PSR for
21 Mr. Marley. He did review it. When I went over it with him on
22 Saturday and ask him if he had any additional things he wanted
23 to address with me, he did not. So there are no additional
24 objections at this time even after speaking with Mr. Marley
25 this weekend.

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1 THE COURT: OK. So were there any objections to the
2 report that the probation office didn't deal with.

3 MR. KONOSKI: The only objections that we had, I
4 addressed in the sentencing memorandum which were --

5 THE COURT: The amount of the drugs.

6 MR. KONOSKI: The amount of drugs and the two point
7 enhancement for obstruction of justice.

8 THE COURT: We'll talk about those when we get to the
9 guidelines calculation. The presentence report will be made
10 part of the record in this matter and placed under seal. If an
11 appeal is taken, counsel on appeal may have access to the
12 sealed report without further application to this Court. I
13 received a sentencing submission from the defendants dated
14 June 29, 2018 and a letter from the government dated July 19,
15 2018.

16 So the next step is the guidelines calculation. So
17 the defendant was convicted of one count of conspiracy to
18 possess and possess with intent to distribute marijuana and
19 other controlled substances, using and carrying a firearm in
20 connection with a controlled substance offense.

21 The presentence report reflects a guidelines level of
22 29, criminal history category six which yields a guidelines
23 range of 151 to 188 months, not counting the firearms
24 conviction which is a mandatory 60 months consecutive.

25 I find the correct guidelines calculation is as

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1 follows:

2 As to Count One we start with the drug guideline which
3 is 2D1.1. The jury found that this offense involved more than
4 100 kilograms of marijuana and the Court agrees with the
5 parties that the maximum is 400 kilograms. So pursuant to
6 2D1.1C8, the base offense level is 24.

7 The presentence report converted the amount of cocaine
8 and crack that were seized when Radianna Thompson's apartment
9 was searched into marijuana, pursuant to the conversion table
10 and added that into the amount of marijuana that was proven up
11 at trial and got to 325 kilograms. That addition is correct
12 but it doesn't affect the base offense level.

13 The defense objects to the 325 kilogram estimate based
14 on a dispute regarding the amount of marijuana that Mr. Marley
15 should be responsible for.

16 The Court agrees with the government's arguments that
17 at least 325 kilograms was involved. I actually think that's a
18 pretty conservative estimate given the estimate at trial.

19 The defendant was a leader or manager of extensive
20 criminal activity involving more than five participants. So
21 pursuant to 3B1.1B, that's plus three.

22 The probation assessed two points for obstruction.
23 The government argues that Mr. Marley clearly lied and that the
24 Court should make a perjury finding regarding his testimony
25 specifically, that he did not consent to the search of the car.

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1 My sense is that Mr. Marley lied repeatedly during the
2 suppression hearing. And I question the truthfulness of a
3 variety of statements that he made during his interview with
4 the probation department. All of that might justify an
5 obstruction adjustment. It is not going to affect the sentence
6 I am going to impose, so I'm not going to assess obstruction
7 points. That brings the total adjusted offense level to 27.

8 Mr. Marley has an extensive criminal history. In 2003
9 he was convicted for criminal possession of marijuana in the
10 first degree. That conviction involved 19 pounds of marijuana.
11 He gets no criminal history points for that conviction.

12 In 2005 he was convicted of conspiracy to distribute
13 an possess with intent to distribute marijuana and possession
14 of an unlawfully produced United States document. I would note
15 that he was caught in a car with 70 pounds of marijuana.
16 That's three criminal history points.

17 2009 he was convicted of misdemeanor possession of
18 marijuana. That's one criminal history point.

19 2010 he was convicted of possession of a weapon in the
20 third degree. That's three criminal history points.

21 2013 he was convicted of accessory after the fact.
22 Three criminal history points.

23 2015 he was convicted of criminal possession of
24 marijuana in the fourth degree. He was arrested with two
25 pounds of marijuana. That's one criminal history point.

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1 This offense was committed while he was on conditional
2 discharge from the 2015 conviction. That's two criminal
3 history points. That brings the total to thirteen.

4 Thirteen criminal history points puts him in criminal
5 history category six, level 27. Criminal history category six
6 yields a guidelines range of 130 to 162 months for Count One.

7 I would note as Mr. Konoski argued during his
8 sentencing submission that two of Mr. Marley's criminal history
9 points are for misdemeanor convictions. If I were to ignore
10 those two criminal history points that would bring Mr. Marley
11 to criminal history category five and a guideline range of 120
12 to 150 months. Again, this is all for Count One. The
13 guideline for Count Two is the mandatory minimum of 60 months.

14 Are there any guideline arguments that I have
15 addressed, Mr. Longyear?

16 MR. LONGYEAR: No, your Honor.

17 THE COURT: Mr. Konoski?

18 MR. KONOSKI: No.

19 THE COURT: I don't see a basis under the guidelines
20 for a departure. Are there any factual issues in dispute other
21 than the quantity of drugs?

22 Mr. Konoski, I've considered your argument. I do not
23 agree with the argument on quantity is well taken.

24 MR. KONOSKI: No additional factual disputes.

25 THE COURT: OK. All right. Would the government like

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1 to be heard on sentence?

2 MR. LONGYEAR: Thank you, your Honor.

3 We would primarily rely on our submission. Obviously,
4 this was a trial. So the Court is very familiar with the
5 facts. Here, the government submits that a guidelines sentence
6 on Count One to be followed by the five year mandatory minimum
7 on Count Two is appropriate in this case.

8 Mr. Marley in the government's view was a major
9 trafficker of marijuana. And he engaged in his business as the
10 Court heard through the testimony of Ms. Radianna Thompson and
11 Ms. Elaine Heron and Mr. Griffith. He used people that were
12 close to him, in particular Ms. Thompson, storing the drugs and
13 the gun in a blue barrel that was in a bedroom where his
14 children slept. And it seems without much regard for his
15 children's safety, without much regard for Ms. Thompson,
16 Ms. Heron, he used them and their apartments as stash houses to
17 run his business.

18 We heard through the testimony of Mr. Griffith that
19 although he was a somewhat willing participant in this scheme,
20 Mr. Griffith felt threatened early on that if he did not
21 continue to receive the packages from Marley that harm, that
22 Mr. Marley or those who worked with him may harm Mr. Griffith
23 for Mr. Griffith's family members.

24 In addition to the marijuana, as we heard throughout
25 the trial in call after call after call, there were references

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1 to crack cocaine, heroin and cocaine. So Mr. Marley was a
2 diversified drug dealer.

3 THE COURT: Although he was primarily a marijuana
4 dealer; is that fair? Even with all the wiretaps that you've
5 listened to, cocaine, heroin and crack were sidelines at best.

6 MR. LONGYEAR: His primary business was marijuana but
7 to the extent he got his hands on other products he was ready
8 willing and able to sell those products.

9 THE COURT: He wasn't drawing the line with marijuana.

10 MR. LONGYEAR: Correct.

11 Secondly and significantly in this case was the
12 possession of firearms. As we saw in testimony at trial in
13 that blue shipping barrel in his children's bedroom, not only
14 was there the one firearm that had his DNA on it but there were
15 multiple caliber bullets. It wasn't just the .40 caliber.
16 There was .357, .9 millimeter, et cetera.

17 It is the contention that Mr. Marley carried firearms
18 to further his drug business for protection and intimidation.
19 So it's the government's view that this is a serious crime and
20 that a sentence within the guidelines is appropriate in this
21 case given Mr. Marley's conduct here and in view of his
22 criminal history which is quite substantial.

23 THE COURT: Let me ask you something. You're not
24 looking for forfeiture in this case and I know that the primary
25 target of the wiretap was in money laundering. Do you have a

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1 sense of where Mr. Marley's money is. We just heard he paid
2 \$63,000 for his first attorney, but other than that, does the
3 government know where any of the money went?

4 MR. LONGYEAR: We don't, your Honor.

5 THE COURT: OK. All right. Mr. Konoski.

6 MR. KONOSKI: Yes, judge. My sentencing memo is
7 approximately 43 pages. I've addressed everything in the memo
8 that I wanted to address. However, I did argue that the
9 obstruction points shouldn't be added. Your Honor, had
10 concluded that they are not going to be added. But I also
11 argued that the criminal history category somewhat because of
12 two additional charges that are in there somewhat overstates
13 the severity of Mr. Marley's past conduct. If you were to
14 remove that or include that as part of your decision on a
15 variance which we're asking the Court for, that would bring
16 down the guidelines range to about 120 to 150 months.

17 THE COURT: Correct.

18 MR. KONOSKI: We're asking the Court to vary even
19 further from that because of the mandatory minimums.

20 THE COURT: Mr. Marley's got the B1B plus the gun
21 conviction which has to run consecutive. Obviously, when you
22 add those together you have a ten year, effectively a ten-year
23 mandatory membership which is an enormous amount of time
24 standing alone. If the Court were to just go off of the
25 guideline range of the 120 to 150 months and even gave the

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1 minimum on that you would have ten years just on Count One
2 which effectively is a (b)(1)(a) time period that would
3 effectively be a time attributable to the mandatory minimum on
4 (b)(1)(a). So we're asking the Court to vary even further so
5 that Mr. Marley doesn't wind up with effectively a 15-year or
6 longer sentence because if you have the 120 on Count One as a
7 minimum, if the Court gave the minimum, plus five year
8 consecutive on the gun you have effectively a 15-year sentence
9 which is just a phenomenal sentence in a case where I don't
10 mean to undermine the conduct here. I am not trying to do
11 that. Obviously, it's serious. So when I say it's only a
12 marijuana case, for the most part I don't mean to undermine the
13 nature of the charges. I understand the severity. But the
14 drugs, the heroin or the cocaine and crack cocaine was just a
15 sideline thing.

16 It appeared from even the evidence at trial -- my take
17 on it anyway -- was that if it was there, it was there and it
18 wasn't there much. It was mostly marijuana. And in a
19 situation where many states are leaning towards making
20 marijuana legal, it just seems to be an extraordinary harsh
21 establishes to wind up with a ten plus year sentence on a
22 marijuana case. And again, I'm really not trying to undermine
23 the level of conduct here.

24 THE COURT: I understand what you are saying.

25 MR. KONOSKI: But we're asking for the minimums which

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1 ten years standing alone is just an enormous amount of time and
2 that's what we're asking the Court to do.

3 Thank you.

4 THE COURT: All right. Thank you.

5 Mr. Marley, would you like to be heard?

6 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, your Honor.

7 Over the period of time you have heard testimonies
8 from people who has been around me for a very long time.

9 THE COURT: Hang on a second.

10 Could you move his screen.

11 (Pause)

12 THE DEFENDANT: You have heard of a period of time due
13 the course of trial that Mr. Marley does this, Mr. Marley does
14 that but you have never heard how much of a nice person I am
15 because I am a dad. I am a father. I am an uncle and I am a
16 loving person as well.

17 During the course I've known the ladies have testified
18 against me which one is my baby mom that I have been around for
19 17 years. The next one is like a mom that I've been around for
20 like 20 years. I ain't got no animosity towards them because I
21 know they was threatened by the government and they had to do
22 what they had to do. But when the time comes everybody throw
23 me under the bus as if I'm this bad person.

24 Ms. Thompson testified that I always have a gun. She
25 knows within her heart that I never have a gun and I never

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1 possess is gun. Ms. Thompson and I've never been apart. She
2 might feel -- it when she wants clothes or bag she might do
3 something to get some money. That's the part she will play
4 sometimes. But Ms. Thompson go to work from seven in the
5 morning until five. So she have never been involved but I know
6 I've done wrong which I've come to accept that marijuana in the
7 neighborhood. But she have never played a part like being
8 involved in the business. She goes to work from seven. She
9 comes home at five.

10 Ms. Heron, the same thing. There is a lot of people
11 around Ms. Heron and I'm always out of town. Even when I got
12 locked up and they got the search warrant for these people, I
13 was three months away, your Honor. I have never been in New
14 York from I locked up in June I have been in Cleveland and
15 California. So I know they did what they had to do to help
16 they self.

17 THE COURT: Are you saying it wasn't your marijuana
18 and it wasn't your gun in the barrel?

19 THE DEFENDANT: Your Honor, I am saying like the gun
20 in the barrel like, I've already got convicted of it and I
21 never take responsibility for something that wasn't mine. And
22 I testified. I told my attorney that the gun in the barrel
23 wasn't mine. You see they find three DNA on the gun and it
24 could have been my clothes or anything. That's my baby mom.
25 She got multiple people living in the house, like seven/eight

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1 people and that's my baby mom. She got her family living there
2 I could argue. The first thing you see Ms. Heron told you that
3 whenever I raise a issue they will kick me out the house and
4 tell me to go. Then they friend me up back and tell me to come
5 back. So I take the responsibility. My kids live there. I
6 never want to see her go to prison. I still ain't got no
7 animosity toward her. I stand up as a man.

8 I totally apologize to you that whatever I did in the
9 community that is wrong, a little marijuana, going legal now, a
10 little bit undermining -- but whatever I did. But I want to
11 bring to your attention, your Honor, within this proceeding the
12 amount of time that I've spent there and I've get to understand
13 a few things about the case, that at the suppression hearing
14 that I've testified truthfully to you, your Honor, and I've
15 testified to the best of my ability. And you know I might
16 raise a few issues with you.

17 You know I'm also involved in this case and I've did
18 my investigation on my own. During the course of trial when
19 all of that and my attorney before trial that I want him to
20 bring forth evidence that could you exonerated me if the proper
21 investigation was done on my behalf.

22 So, your Honor, my previous attorney, not Mr. Konoski,
23 have left me to -- you've seen the crowd is only two people is
24 here to support me, my aunt and a very good friend of mines
25 because the financial crisis he has left me in. I've convinced

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1 my older family to put up money because they believe I've never
2 spoken to a undercover. I believe I wasn't smoking marijuana.
3 I never gave consent. I've convinced them to put up \$63,000 of
4 hardworking funds because of all of that money, your Honor.
5 They haven't submitted no letters on my behalf. Everybody left
6 me in the jail by myself but I take responsibility. But I want
7 to let you know, your Honor, that Mr. Konoski has convinced me
8 to retain him and he has misrepresentation to you on numerous
9 occasions he has made misrepresentation to me. He has deluded
10 me and my family by submitting false information to us. And
11 when I ask him he would send me e-mail using the courts and
12 using you as a tactic for me to not write letters and submit
13 which I got documents and a forthcoming memorandum to you.

14 Your Honor, I've done my own investigation into this
15 case. While the number that was presented to you on February
16 the 4th 347981 number 7101 number that was presented to you,
17 that was a number from my phone records. I've done my own
18 investigation. The numbers that the undercover officer had on
19 February 4 that he was making all the undercover calls from it
20 was a 917-777-448 number, your Honor. And not only that he had
21 a recording on February the 4th that he used to record
22 Mr. Stern and that content of the call that they submitted to
23 this Court and using this Court that I'm including on behalf of
24 Julian, that same content was used on February the 4th which it
25 comes I want you to take into consideration that it comes as a

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1 part of what I've always told by and believe that the GPS
2 application that they submitted on February 4 was the original
3 documents and that Mr -- made it clear that he never received
4 or he never witnessed a call. He made clear in his application
5 that I was a John Doe. My identity was unknown and because I
6 was working with an undercover agent which I had no record of,
7 I've never worked with an undercover. I've never belonged to a
8 part of Mr. Stern organization. So I want you to take that
9 into reconsideration, your Honor.

10 Wiretaps have been substantial against me but certain
11 things that are used was wrong, your Honor. Certain things
12 that was presented to you was false. And one more thing I want
13 to bring to your attention that during the course of the
14 wiretap that the prosecutors had told you that during
15 Mr. Stern's wiretap I was making Mr. -- was making, conducting
16 money drops on my behalf. I have listened completely to the
17 old Stern wiretap, your Honor. Mr. Paul conducted money drops
18 on me that they told you about. Mr. Paul was conducting money
19 drops for me with Mr. Stern on behalf of me. I've listened to
20 all the calls, your Honor, and the numbers that the -- had with
21 a 717-758-8299 which is Luna and there is a next number
22 949-235-4126, your Honor. These information wasn't given to
23 you. I had to work hard to obtain them on my own, your Honor.
24 I just want to know that these was documents that there was
25 never disclosed to me. So, I want to preserve that for the

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1 record.

2 But I do apologize for anybody, to all my family who
3 love me, who had loved me before and what ain't love me no more
4 than I always got mad love for them no matter what.

5 THE COURT: I'm not sure what your point is,
6 Mr. Marley. Are you arguing that the government failed to
7 disclose information?

8 THE DEFENDANT: Yes, your Honor.

9 THE COURT: What did they not disclose?

10 THE DEFENDANT: That a phone call was recorded on
11 February the 4th the number that they submitted to the Court,
12 the 3447 number was a number from my phone records, your Honor,
13 not a number from that Luna use. The number Luna possess on
14 February the 4th was a (917) 717-4487. That's what he had
15 making all the undercover calls, your Honor.

16 THE COURT: Mr. Longyear.

17 MR. LONGYEAR: Your Honor, I don't think I can
18 address --

19 THE COURT: I don't remember that evidence from the
20 suppression hearing. I remember that Luna testified that he
21 made the phone calls.

22 THE DEFENDANT: Your Honor, the thing I have been
23 raising over the months from my previous attorney, Mr. Cohen,
24 that the application on February the 4th that they submitted to
25 the Court was that I am a John Doe with my identity unknown.

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1 THE COURT: They did not know your identity at that
2 time.

3 THE DEFENDANT: So what I've told him I came to
4 understand was after I was arrested on February the 8th there
5 is an ungraded version of events that now I become someone with
6 a Caribbean accent which is in the DEA six that was two days
7 before.

8 THE COURT: I'm sorry. Say that again.

9 THE DEFENDANT: That was a upgraded version that was
10 upgraded by the case agent, James Enders, that Mr. Marley had
11 a Caribbean accent and that he identified me as someone with a
12 Caribbean accent. But previously before the one that was
13 submitted by the ADA prosecutor, it was that I am a "John Doe".

14 THE COURT: Right. They did not know your name at
15 that point.

16 THE DEFENDANT: Yes. And what they told the Court is
17 that I was working with an undercover and that Luna said that
18 not in itself but a member of his team made a phone call to me
19 and it was arranged to me meet with me within the past week.

20 THE COURT: I think I had dealt with that issue. It
21 was not well drafted but none of this has anything to do with
22 the evidence that was presented against you at trial.

23 THE DEFENDANT: I know. But what I'm saying, your
24 Honor, is if you had known of these information that was
25 withheld I think the evidence would have been insufficient to

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1 find without a reasonable doubt, your Honor.

2 THE COURT: All right. Thank you.

3 Just based to what you've said here today, none of
4 that has anything to do with the quantum of evidence that was
5 presented against you which was an overwhelming --

6 MR. KONOSKI: Yes, your Honor.

7 THE COURT: Including people who love you and are
8 close to you testifying that you were a marijuana dealer from
9 their apartment.

10 THE DEFENDANT: Well --

11 THE COURT: Which would have been enough standing
12 alone to convict you.

13 THE DEFENDANT: Well, fine. Well, like you said they
14 testified. You've got to take into consideration that please
15 people had a lot of people living with them. And most of the
16 things that I, from my personal and my honest opinion of, your
17 Honor, they just threw me under the bus. I am just here. You
18 know what I'm saying? Now everybody is trying to be free and
19 prosecutorial agreement. Nobody wants to take the
20 responsibility, your Honor.

21 THE COURT: OK. Mr. Marley, what I hear you telling
22 me is that you are an innocent man.

23 THE DEFENDANT: No, I didn't say that. No, your
24 Honor.

25 THE COURT: So they threw you under the bus but they

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1 didn't just make up --

2 THE DEFENDANT: No. Some of the things that they
3 testified to is simply not true.

4 THE COURT: OK. All right. Mr. Marley, under federal
5 law I am required to consider the nature and circumstances of
6 the offense and the history and characteristics of the
7 defendant. In terms of you I have considered your history and
8 characteristics to the extent I can.

9 I start with the fact that I really don't know what
10 your background is. Your explanation to the probation officer
11 in the Southern District of New York was different in some
12 material ways in which you told the probation officer when you
13 were interviewed at the Western District of Pennsylvania. What
14 we do know beyond a reasonable doubt is that you took your drug
15 business into the home where you were living with two
16 relatively young children. Ms. Heron was like a mother to him.
17 The other woman was the mother of his children.

18 While they both should have said "no" and sent you out
19 onto the street, they allowed you to deal drugs from their
20 apartment. By doing that, Mr. Marley, while you may be annoyed
21 that they "threw you under the bus", you put them all at risk
22 of being prosecuted. Ms. Heron could have gone to jail. The
23 mother of your children could have gone to jail. Where would
24 that have left your children? They would have been in foster
25 care. I don't think you care about that but that's what would

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1 have happened. So you put those children at risk. You put
2 them at risk because you were dealing drugs from their
3 apartment and you put them at physical risk because there was a
4 weapon in the barrel.

5 Children get into things. Do you know the number of
6 children who are killed accidentally by guns is astronomically
7 outrageous in this country. All it takes is finding the gun
8 and playing with it. And one or the other of them could have
9 been killed. You risked that. And you seem oblivious to the
10 fact that you put your children at grievous risk of harm.

11 You have multiple convictions and you appear to have
12 been a marijuana dealer for years. You may be a compulsive
13 gambler. You may have a drinking problem. And you may have a
14 marijuana problem or you may have none of those problems
15 because sometimes you say you do have a problem and other times
16 you say you don't. So I have no idea.

17 You may a U.S. citizen because you were born in the
18 Virgin Island. I'm not sure which. Hopefully, immigration
19 will figure that out and if you're Jamaican you'll be deported
20 at the end of your sentence.

21 You have skills as a barber. But other than a very
22 few months while you were on parole, you seem never to have
23 held a legitimate job in this country.

24 The wiretap conversation and the testimony with Mr.
25 Griffith makes it clear, as well as your testimony that you can

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1 be both charming and threatening. I believe that the threats
2 that you made against Mr. Griffith and the threats that could
3 be heard on the wiretap were true. I think you would do harm
4 to people if they crossed you. My overall conclusion about
5 you, Mr. Marley, is that you have been a marijuana dealer all
6 or most of your adult life. Prior terms of incarceration have
7 had little or no impact on your desire to stay on the right
8 side of the law.

9 Taking into account that evaluation of the defendant,
10 federal law requires me to impose a sentence that is reasonable
11 and no greater than necessary to accomplishes the goals of
12 sentencing. I've considered all of the required factors.

13 In terms of the seriousness of the offense, if this
14 were just marijuana dealing I would say the Court might
15 consider this to be not among the most serious of all felony
16 offenses but you are not a nonviolent drug dealer. You a drug
17 dealer who uses violence to maintain your customers and to keep
18 the people working with you in line. You also dealt cocaine
19 and heroin though clearly not as much. But most serious, you
20 stored weapons and drugs in your children's bedroom.

21 I've considered the need to deter criminal conduct. I
22 don't have a lot of hope for Mr. Marley that he is ever going
23 to change his ways. I'm very concerned with his propensity for
24 violence. I note that he has a conviction for attempted
25 possession of a weapon and there were multiple guns seized that

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1 could be connected to Mr. Marley.

2 Your sentencing commission Mr. Konoski argued on your
3 behalf that you used the gun only for your defense but it's
4 really not much of a defense considering the fact that you were
5 defending was an unlawful business.

6 Terms of general deterrence, I don't think my sentence
7 in this case is going to have any general deterrent affect.

8 I've considered the need to protect the public from
9 the defendant. Again, what concerns me about you, Mr. Marley,
10 is that violence is associated with your drug dealing and so
11 this is not an insignificant factor.

12 I've considered the need to provide the defendant with
13 needed education and vocational or medical treatment. In
14 particular, Mr. Marley, you need to develop a skill so that you
15 can operate legally. Again, you've got barbering skills.
16 Maybe you can brush those up and decide to go straight when you
17 get out and be a barber. You can have a perfectly good life as
18 a barber.

19 Mr. Konoski, I agree with your argument that the two
20 misdemeanor convictions unfairly inflate Mr. Marley's true
21 criminal history. Removing those two puts the guideline at 120
22 to 150 months. I understand your point that that seems a
23 little long considering the fact that that would be the
24 equivalent of a (b)(1)(a) conviction, that five years would
25 then sit on top of that. So I'm going to vary downward

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1 somewhat.

2 The reason I am not varying downward more is I truly
3 have real concerns about what Mr. Marley is going to do when he
4 gets out of jail. I don't think he is going to change his
5 ways. So the issue you is really incapacitating him for a
6 reasonable length of time maybe until he gets to the point from
7 just a pure age perspective that he decides he doesn't want to
8 risk going back to jail.

9 So taking all of this into account, I'm sentencing
10 Mr. Marley to the custody of the Attorney General for a period
11 of 96 months on Count One and 60 months consecutive on Count
12 Two with five years of supervised release to follow.

13 There are mandatory conditions of supervised release,
14 Mr. Marley.

15 You must not commit another crime.

16 You may not illegally possess a controlled substance.
17 Marijuana is a controlled substance. If it gets legalized
18 between now and when you get out, fine. But if doesn't, it's a
19 controlled substance. You can't possess it.

20 You cannot possess a firearm or other destructive
21 device.

22 You must cooperate in the collection of DNA.

23 Mandatory drug testing will be waived and drug
24 treatment will be ordered. I am assuming have you a drug
25 problem. Although, I am not entirely sure. I'm also assuming

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1 you are going to stay in the United States, but I'm not sure
2 about that either.

3 In addition to the standard conditions of supervision,
4 I am ordering the following special conditions:

5 The defendant must submit his person, residence, place
6 of business, vehicle or other premises under his control to
7 search if the probation officer has a reasonable belief that
8 contraband or evidence of a violation of the terms of the
9 conditions of supervised release may be found there. Any
10 search must be conducted at a reasonable time and in a
11 reasonable manner. Failure to submit to the search may be
12 grounds for revocation. The defendant must inform any other
13 resident that the premises may be subject to search pursuant to
14 this condition.

15 The defendant must participate in an outpatient drug
16 and alcohol treatment program approved by the probation office
17 which may include drug testing to determine whether the
18 defendant has reverted to the use of drugs or alcohol.

19 The defendant must contribute to the cost of services
20 provided based on his ability to pay or the availability of
21 third party payments. The Court authorizes the release of
22 available drug treatment evaluations and reports including the
23 presentence report to the substance abuse treatment provider.

24 The defendant must participate in a gambling treatment
25 program approved by the probation office.

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1 The defendant must contribute to the cost of services
2 provided based on his ability to pay or availability of third
3 party payments.

4 The defendant must report to the nearest probation
5 office within 72 hours of release.

6 The defendant must cooperate with the immigration
7 authorities and comply with their directives.

8 The defendant will be supervised by the district of
9 residence.

10 Are you seeking forfeiture in this case?

11 MR. LONGYEAR: No, your Honor.

12 THE COURT: All right. I'm not imposing a fine
13 because I find there is no ability to pay or at least the
14 government has not located where any of Mr. Marley's money is.
15 I must impose a special assessment of \$200.

16 Are there any underlying counts or charging
17 instruments?

18 MR. LONGYEAR: Your Honor, there is the underlying
19 indictments. So at this time the government would move to
20 dismiss all counts in underlying indictment.

21 THE COURT: All the underlying indictments are
22 dismissed.

23 Mr. Konoski, does the defendant have any requests
24 regarding designation?

25 MR. KONOSKI: Yes. He asks specifically for a prison

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1 located in Danbury over in the Connecticut region.

2 Is that correct? Anywhere in New York.

3 THE COURT: All right. Mr. Marley, I will request
4 that you be designated in the New York area. All I can do is
5 ask. It's up to the Bureau of Prisons where you will be
6 designated.

7 Mr. Marley, you have the right to appeal. If you are
8 unable to pay the cost of an appeal, you may might apply for
9 leave to appeal in the forma pauperis. The notice of appeal
10 must be filed within 14 days of the judgment of conviction.

11 Anything further from the government?

12 MR. LONGYEAR: No, your Honor.

13 THE COURT: From defense?

14 MR. KONOSKI: No, judge.

15 Thank you very much.

16 (Adjourned)

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